

ABSTRACT

An intermediate image transfer belt for an image forming apparatus of the present invention includes at least a surface layer and a base layer. To produce the belt, while a hollow, cylindrical mold included in a centrifugal molding machine is in rotation, thermosetting urethane rubber is fed into the mold and then cured to form the surface layer on the inside of the mold. Subsequently, thermosetting urethane resin is fed into the mold and then cured to form the base layer on the surface layer. The surface layer is elastic and can closely contact the surface of, e.g., a plain paper sheet lacking smoothness. The belt therefore insures desirable image transfer.